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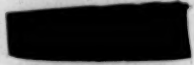
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The first step of the Society to secure  
Missionaries for North America.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS:

The Request of the Society . . . . concerning  
Ministers to be sent abroad for that Good Purpose  
2 leaves, folio, preserved in buckram case.

(London, 1702)



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Museum, National Library of Scotland, Signet Library, Edinburgh  
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Library, Boston Public Library (including the Prince Collection)  
or Bodleian Library. The Editors of "Sabin" were obliged to  
rely on a description of this leaflet furnished by Dorothy Watts.

It is an appeal by the Society for Missionaries for the  
American Colonies. "The first step of the Society to obtain  
Missionaries was taken in January and February 1702 . . . . .  
'A Request concerning fit Persons to be sent abroad' was printed  
and circulated. "Pascoe. 'Two Hundred Years of the S.P.G."

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*The Request of the SOCIETY for the Pro-  
pagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts;  
concerning fit Ministers to be sent Abroad for  
that good Purpose.*

**T**HE SOCIETY for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, having been Incorporated by a ROYAL CHARTER under the Great Seal of England, dated June 16. 1701. and thereby empowered to Ask, Receive, and Dispose of such Monies as shall be contributed by charitable, devout and zealous Christians, towards Carrying on so Great and Pious a Design, have already, by what hath been given by themselves and others, not only laid the Foundation, but made considerable Progress in it: Having sent, besides Books and other things, several Ministers of the Church of England into Her Majesty's Dominions and Colonies in the West-Indies.

But understanding by Letters since come from thence, that there is great need of many more, to Instruct the *English*, and such *Indians* as live among them, or near them, in the Principles of the Christian Religion, to administer the Word and Sacraments, and perform all such Offices as are necessary to the Support and Furtherance of the Gospel in those Parts, did, in a general Meeting of the said Society, held January 15. 1702. agree, That all the Bishops of the Realm, who are Members of the Society, should be earnestly desired to recommend it to their Archdeacons and their Officials, that publick Notice may be given in their next Archidiaconal Visitations, that such Clergymen as have a mind to be employed in this Apostolical Work, and can bring sufficient Testimonials, according to the Form hereunto annexed, that they are duly qualified for it, may give in their Names to their respective Bishops in whose Diocese they live, or to their Arch-Deacons, to be communicated by them to the Society, which will consult with the Lord-Bishop of London, in order to sending them to such Places as have most need, and where they may therefore, by God's Assistance and Blessing, do most good.

And if any shall be sent to Places where there is not a sufficient Maintenance already settled, the SOCIETY will take care, that they may have not only a competent Subsistence, but all the Encouragement that is due to those who devote themselves to the Service of Almighty God and our Saviour, by Propagating and Promoting his Gospel in the Truth and Purity of it, according to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship Established in the Church of England.







**T**HE SOCIETY Erected by  
ROYAL CHARTER, for the *Pro-  
pagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts,*  
taking into serious Consideration the ab-  
solute Necessity there is, that those *Clergy-  
men*, who shall be sent abroad, should be  
duly qualified for the Work to which they  
are appointed; desire that all Persons who  
shall recommend any to that Purpose, will  
testifie their Knowledge as to the follow-  
ing Particulars, *Viz.*

- I. *The Age of the Person.*
- II. *His Condition of Life, whether Single or Married.*
- III. *His Temper.*
- IV. *His Prudence.*
- V. *His Learning.*
- VI. *His Sober and Pious Conversation.*
- VII. *His Zeal for the Christian Religion, and Diligence in his Holy Calling.*
- VIII. *His Affection to the present Government.*  
And,
- IX. *His Conformity to the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England.*

And the said SOCIETY do request  
and earnestly beseech all Persons con-  
cerned, that they recommend no Man out  
of Favour or Affection, or any other  
Worldly Consideration: but with a sincere  
Regard to the Honour of Almighty God  
and our Blessed Saviour; as they tender  
the Interest of the Christian Religion, and  
the Good of Mens Souls.



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